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VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE SENDS

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SUBJECT: INCREASED PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATIONS

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT CARDINAL MADEIROS OF BOSTON (AND OTHER PRIVATE GROUPS) FOR PURPOSE OF ORGANIZAING MEETING TO DISCUSS MEANS OF INCREASING LABOR CERTIFICATION RELATED IMMIGRATION FROM PORTUGAL. CARDINAL MADEIROS ALREADY AWARE THIS IS A MATTER OF PRIME CONCERN TO GOP.

2. THIS SUBJECT WAS A MAJOR TOPIC AT LUNCHEON I ATTENDED MAY 16 WHICH INCLUDED PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL, SOARES, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, LISBON'S CARDINAL-PATRIARCH AND CARDINAL MADEIROS AND CARLUCCI. I EXPLAINED TO PORTUGUESE THAT NO CHANGES IN LAW OR SPECIAL LEGISLATION COULD BE EXPECTED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN U.S. AND EXISTING MEXICAN PROBLEM. WE PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE MOST LIBERAL USE OF EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS. I PROPOSED A CONFERENCE BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. LABOR CERTIFICATION OFFERS ONLY MEANS OF EXPANDING PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION TO U.S. WHICH NOW STANDS AT ABOUT 12,000 PER YEAR. FINDING ADDITIONAL CERTIFIABLE LABOR REQUIRES
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HELP IN U.S., AND VOLAGS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATED WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFER BEST POSSIBILITIES. PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES CAN BE OF LITTLE HELP BECAUSE THEY ARE LOCATED IN NEW ENGLAND, WHICH HAS HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND CALIFORNIA WHICH IS OVERWHELMED BY MEXICAN PROBLEM.

4. MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE, LABOR,

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LISBON WILL ALSO BE REPRESENTED. PLEASE ADVISE LISBON OF
DATE ONCE COORDINATION ESTABLISHED WITH CARDINAL MADEIROS.
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